

March 10, 2024

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW #611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God,

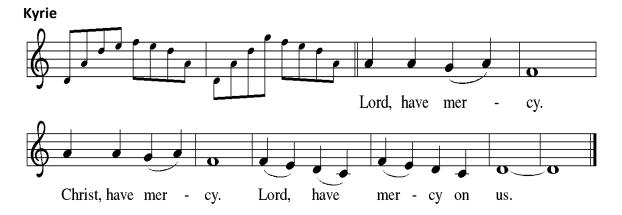
C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

"Lead Me, Lord" – arr. Mark Hayes

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

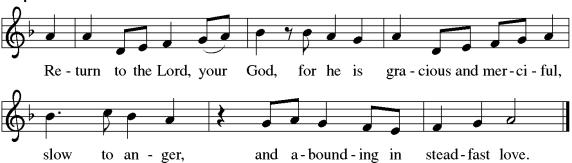
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ³so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter three.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon "Look to the Cross" Pastor Kathy

Hymn of the Day

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

ELW #592 vs 1,3&4

- Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

P: Lift up your hearts,

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

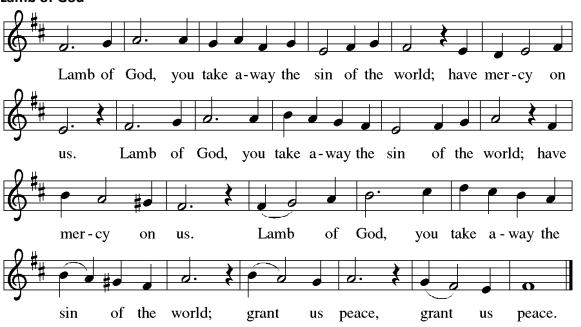
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

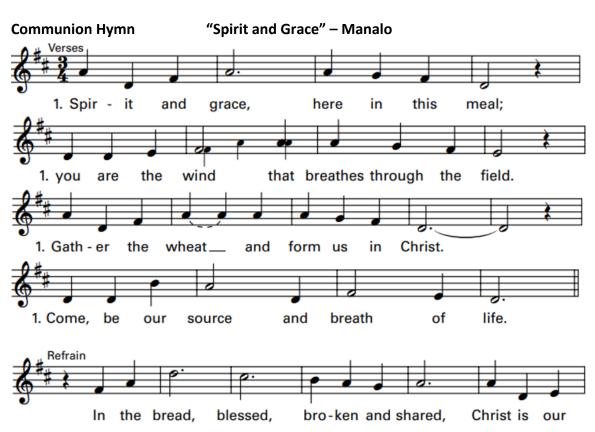
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God







- Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
 You are the life that flows through the vine.
 Gather this drink and form us in Christ.
 Come be our source and blood of life. Refrain
- 3 Spirit and grace, here in this place; You are the light that shines in this space. Gather your people and form us in Christ. Come be the heartbeat of our life. *Refrain*
- 4 Spirit and God, sending us forth; You spread your wisdom throughout all the earth. Gather the nations and form us in Christ. Come be the presence in our life. *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

ELW #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660 vs 1,3&4

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Rich Baumann, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Paul Reker, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt

Family of Karen Grewe



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Deacon: (8:30) Lexi Uhl (10:30) Darlene Meier

Acolytes: (8:30) Lasca Flitter, Conlin McAlpine

(10:30) Savanna Hedlund, Mylah Budahn

Communion Server: (8:30) Linda Postel (10:30)

Lector: (8:30) Joan Krikava (10:30) Deb Egeland

Ushers: (8:30) Jim Schmidt (10:30) **P/P:** (8:30) (10:30)

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	Weekly Offering		YTD Offering		YTD Budget	
3/3 General Offering	\$	8,369.00	\$	78,354.15	\$	92,253.96
3/3 Building Fund	\$	1,175.00	\$	14,178.00	\$	9,519.21
TOTAL:	\$	9,544.00	\$	92,532.15	\$	101,773.17
3/3 World Hunger	\$	75.00	\$	2,055.00		

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	6:30PM Wed.
3/3/24	93	52	40